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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REPORTED EMBASSY INQUIRY INTO ELECTROLYTIC
MANGANESE PRICES

1. WASHINGTON ATTORNEY NELSON STITT, WHO REPRESENTS JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY AND OTHER JAPANESE CLIENTS, QUERIED DEPARTMENT AUGUST 16 RE INFO HE HAS RECEIVED THAT AMEMBASSY TOKYO HAS REQUESTED JAPANESE COMPANY "TEKOSHA" TO PROVIDE PRICE DATA ON ELECTROLYTIC MANGANESE, REPORTEDLY ON BEHALF OF US TARIFF COMMISSION (STITT BELIEVES TEKOSHA MAY BE SOLE JAPANESE PRODUCER ELECTROLYTIC MANGANESE). STITT SAID HE ADVISED BY TARIFF COMMISSION THAT NO REQUEST FOR SUCH INFO PENDING, AND THAT HE HESITANT OF ADVISING TEKOSHA TO ANSWER EMBASSY QUESTIONS WITHOUT KNOWING REASON FOR EMBASSY INQUIRY.

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2. CHECKS WITH TARIFF COMMISSION AND BUREAU CUSTOMS INDI-

CATE THEY HAVE NO REQUESTS PENDING FOR TYPE OF INFORMATION DESCRIBED BY STITT. ESCAPE CLAUSE ACTION COVERING FERROALLOYS, INCLUDING MANGANESE, FILED WITH TARIFF COMMISSION EARLIER THIS YEAR BY US FERROALLOY PRODUCERS, BUT THIS ACTION WITHDRAWN BY US PRODUCERS JUNE 28, 1973.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT EMBASSY ABLE SHED ON REPORTED INQUIRY RAISED BY STITT. ROGERS

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